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TOPIC Information on KVP Units in the Eggesin Area			
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1. On 20 August 1953, the status of drainage work in the Torgelow-Eggesin area was inspected by competent construction supervisors and Colonel Horst Praessler of the Ministry of the Interior. On this occasion it was determined that pumps had not yet been delivered and that the concrete pipes used for the drainage system did not stand the required pressure of eight atmospheres and moreover were too narrow. Colonel Praessler demanded that the drainage system of the barracks installations 2 km southeast of Eggesin be in good working order by 31 October 1953. It was mentioned that construction work in the area mentioned should be completed by 31 December.
2. The Bau Union Nordost was located in Prenzlau and maintained branch offices in Torgelow and Pasewalk. Captain Pohlmann (fnu) was still assigned to the Billeting Office in Pasewalk which employed a total of about 70 persons. Captain Pohlmann was discharged from the KVP headquarters in Eggesin.<sup>1</sup>
3. Some of the 12 KVP officer billets built on the perimeter of Eggesin have been vacated. The 42 quartering buildings which had been occupied by workers of the ammunition factory of Torgelow and had then been vacated for use by the KVP, were returned to civilian administration. Three-piece apartments were being installed in about 14 houses. Twenty-one permanent barracks buildings were being under construction southeast of Eggesin. A total of 13 barracks buildings were under construction 3 km northeast of Viereck. Garages were being built in all the billeting area. A total of 70 garages, about 60 meters long and 12 meters wide were nearing completion. A total of 110 such garages was said to be scheduled to be constructed.<sup>2</sup>
4. An area about 100 meters square was being surrounded with barbed wire between the Hoppenwalde railroad station and the local brick works. On 12 and 13 August, a total of about 80 trucks loaded with ammunition arrived there.

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5. About 3,000 KVPs were quartered in tents east of Cross- and Klein-Stallberg. Well-camouflaged artillery pieces were observed in the wooded area near the tent camp. <sup>3</sup>

6. Between 5 and 28 August, a total of 20 barracks buildings were seen in the wooded area southeast of Eggesin, east of the newly built road. Another 10 barracks buildings were seen between the two rows of 10 barracks buildings. East of this complex of buildings [REDACTED] about 30 buildings with flat roofs probably motor vehicle garages and work shops. Six 4-story buildings were nearing completion southwest of the Eggesin-Karpin road. In forest district No 249 a circular pit about 20 meters in diameter was being dug out. A fuel dump was allegedly to be installed there. An estimated 800 tents each containing 8 double-bunks were observed in forest districts Nos 183, 184, 205 and 206. <sup>4</sup>

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7. [REDACTED] about 20 T-34/85 tanks engaged in driving practices in the area east of the tent camp. Squads of VP soldiers armed with carbines were also seen practicing in this area. About 2 p.m., [REDACTED] the firing of AA guns from the direction of Neumuehl. The points of burst were at an estimated altitude of 800 to 1,000 meters, at about 2 p.m. on 8 August, 15 trucks, each occupied by 30 VPs left the wooded area toward Anklam allegedly for harvesting work. About [REDACTED] about 20 men cleaning 4 x 122-mm field howitzers in forest district No 206. About 10:30 a.m. on 12 August, about 30 trucks each towing a mortar of about 120 mm left the wooded area toward Altarp. The mortars had protective canvas covers. Each of the trucks seen was occupied by about 15 KVP soldiers. Between 2 and 2:30 p.m. on 13 August, about 30 T-34/85 tanks left the area near Teerofen toward Neumuehl. Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 15, 18 and 21 August, houses of the officer settlement were continuously occupied. Training activities in the wooded area were suspended during the reported period allegedly because of hay making. <sup>5</sup>

8. [REDACTED] the Bereitschaftslager on the southern perimeter of Eggesin that the installation only quartered about 30 Soviet officers and 500 to 600 KVPs. All the other KVP units previously stationed there had been moved to the wooded area. The watch towers of the camp were unoccupied. <sup>2</sup>

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- 25X1A 1. [ ] Comment. As in the previous year the execution of the 1953 construction program meets with numerous difficulties in the Pasewalk area. [ ] There was no change in the status of Bau Union Nordost.
- 25X1A 2. [ ] Comment. It appears possible that buildings have been vacated by the KVP in the Eggesin area, because there is enough space available in the newly constructed barracks installations after Division Eggesin discharged personnel and transferred component units to other areas.
- 25X1A 3. [ ] Comment. The troops quartered in this area belong to the howitzer artillery regiment, the AT regiment and the artillery observation battalion [ ]
- 25X1A 4. [ ] Comment. This complex of barracks buildings is referred to as Installation VIII, Installation E 1 and Installation Karpin. The installations are earmarked for three mechanized regiments, the howitzer artillery regiment, the mortar regiment and other component units of Division Eggesin.
- 25X1A 5. [ ] Comment. Training activities and motor vehicle traffic observed in the Eggesin-Karpin-Altwarpe area presented the same picture as observed previously.

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